Mission

The Mission of the School of Education (SOE) at California State University, Bakersfield is: In support of the university’s vision of excellence, the mission of the School of Education is to be a professional learning institution that prepares highly capable professionals to serve our culturally and linguistically diverse community with integrity.

Program Description

The School of Education is accredited by the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing (CCTC) and the National Council for the Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE). Programs are constantly being updated and improved to meet new state and national guidelines. The SOE provides quality graduate and undergraduate programs leading to an academic degree or a California teaching, counseling, or administrative credential. Undergraduates may elect a major in Child, Adolescent, and Family Studies or Physical Education and Kinesiology. Both offer pathways to a teaching credential and/or other professional options. Master’s degrees and/or advanced credentials are also offered with concentrations in: Bilingual/Multicultural Education, Counseling Psychology (offered jointly with the School of Humanities and Social Sciences), Curriculum and Instruction, Early Childhood and Family Studies, Educational Administration, Reading and Literacy, School Counseling, and Special Education. A limited number of degree and credential options are also offered at our CSUB Antelope Valley Campus in Lancaster, CA.

Students planning to enter the teaching profession must combine an academic major with professional studies. Coursework in the School of Education is designed to complement the instruction provided by other units within the University. Hence, candidates for the teaching profession are academically prepared at CSUB for the challenging work of inspiring and motivating young students from many sociocultural and linguistic backgrounds and ability levels in Elementary and Secondary schools throughout the county, state, and nation.

The School of Education has administrative responsibility for basic credential programs and Intern credential programs leading to a preliminary credential in: Elementary Education with an English Language Learner Authorization or bilingual emphasis (Multiple Subject), Secondary Education with an English Language Learner Authorization (Single Subject), and Special Education (Specialist First Credential in either Mild/Moderate or Moderate/Severe Disabilities). Advanced Specialists and Services credentials are offered in: Reading/Language Arts; Pupil Personnel Services; Administrative Services; and Special Education (Level II Mild/Moderate and Moderate/Severe). The BCLAD certificate is only available by passage of the CTEL exams. A Reading certificate is also offered in combination with, or independently from, graduate degree programs.

The School of Education offers a number of international options in Queretero, Mexico, through CSUB’s affiliation with the CSU International Teacher Education Consortium (ITEC). Students can earn a BCLAD certificate or Multiple Subject BCLAD emphasis teaching credential. Another international option with the Catholic University of Korea is being developed as a sister institution. Students may be able to participate in a short term field experience, series of workshops, language development, and other types of professional cultural exchange opportunities.
Theme
A learning community committed to: Excellence, Integrity, and Caring.

Goals 2009-2011
1. Encourage faculty and academic excellence and diversity.
   • Demonstrate a commitment to diversity, effective recruitment, mentoring, and retention of faculty.
   • Promote a culture of scholarship, inquiry, innovation, and teaching and learning excellence through traditional, technology-enhanced, and other models.
   • Demonstrate a commitment to shared governance.
2. Enhance the quality of the student experience.
   • Encourage responsive, varied approaches to providing a quality education.
   • Ensure quality communication and guidance for students.
   • Maintain, enhance, disseminate, and encourage technology integration and innovation in academic programs as appropriate to fulfill the core mission.
   • Acquire technology as appropriate to the core mission.
   • Increase student awareness of research, including financial funding to support research.
   • Improve formal and informal learning spaces within facilities.
   • Establish class sizes to promote excellence in student learning.
   • Provide quality support for linguistically and/or culturally diverse persons and persons with other special needs.
3. Increase community engagement.
   • Increase communication, collaboration, and leadership of the School of Education in the communities of influence which include the California State University, Bakersfield, the California State University system, K-12 education, business, government, and service.
   • Improve public relations, marketing, and community outreach.
   • Provide equitable support, service, and outreach for entire service region.
   • Continue to develop and build partnerships.

INQUIRIES AND APPLICATIONS

Basic Credential Programs. Applicants are to contact the Credentials Office in the School of Education (EDUC 102; 661-654-2110) for program information and application procedures for admission to the Multiple Subjects, Single Subject, and Special Education Credential programs. Additional information is located in this catalog under the Basic Credential Programs section.

Advanced Credential and Certificate Programs. Applicants are to contact the Advanced Educational Studies Department (EDUC 238; 661-654-3055) in the School of Education for program information. Application materials may be obtained from the Credentials Office in the School of Education (EDUC 102; 661-654-3160). The application materials include program details, admission requirements, course requirements, and enrollment procedures. A conference with a program advisor is required. Additional information is located in this catalog under the Advanced Educational Studies section.

UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMS

Child, Adolescent, and Family Studies
The Child, Adolescent, and Family Studies Program (CAFS) at California State University, Bakersfield offers a major leading to a Bachelor of Arts Degree. The CAFS program provides students with an undergraduate level of knowledge within Child, Adolescent, and Family Studies. This program highlights diverse theories, milestones across developmental domains, family systems, ethics, and developmental research methods.

Physical Education and Kinesiology
The Bachelor of Science Degree in Physical Education and Kinesiology (PEAK) at CSUB covers a broad knowledge base that represents several disciplines that include traditional physical education, exercise science, athletic training, coaching, and health science education. Students majoring in Physical
Education and Kinesiology have two concentrations to choose from: Physical Education and Exercise Science.

Special Minor in Special Education
The Department of Special Education does not offer an undergraduate major or minor, but does offer a “Special Minor in Special Education”. This Special Minor is in Mild/Moderate Disabilities and is available to students with any undergraduate major, and must be approved by the advisor and department chair of the student’s major. Interested students need to contact the Department of Special Education Office at 661-654-3166 or the Department Chair at 661-654-6828. A special form needs to be completed and proper procedures need to be followed.

Integrated Special Education (ISPED) Credential Program for Liberal Studies Majors
Undergraduate students majoring in Liberal Studies may pursue and receive the Special Education Educational Specialist Preliminary Credential in Mild/Moderate Disabilities when graduating with a BA degree. This program is also available for transfer students from Bakersfield College and from Antelope Valley College who are majoring in Liberal Studies. Specific information about the ISPED program is available at the Liberal Studies office. Interested students must meet with a Liberal Studies academic advisor.

GRADUATE DEGREE PROGRAMS

Master of Arts in Education. To pursue a Master of Arts degree offered by the School of Education, the applicant must first apply to the Office of Admissions and Records, CSUB (661-654-3036). The applicant must contact the Advanced Educational Studies Department office (EDUC 238; 661-654-3055) or the Special Education Department (EDUC 211; 661-654-3166) for a brochure and application for the specific graduate degree program/concentration desired. The completed application is to be returned to the Office of the Graduate Evaluator (EDUC 105; 661-654-3160) for review and to verify that the requested materials are included. The graduate degree program coordinator and faculty will certify admission or non-admission to the desired program. Applicants will be notified in writing regarding an admission decision.

Master of Science in Counseling. To pursue a Master of Science in Counseling, the applicant must first apply to the Office of Admissions and Records, CSUB (661-654-3036). Following admission to the University, the applicant is to contact the Department of Advanced Educational Studies Department office (EDUC 238; 661-654-3055) for a brochure and application to the specific graduate degree program desired. The brochure and application may also be obtained at one of the quarterly Informational meetings for prospective students (call for date, time and location). The completed application is to be returned to the Office of the Graduate Evaluator (EDUC 105; 661-654-3160) for review before one of three deadlines: April 15 (for fall), October 15 (for winter), or February 15 (for spring). The Program Admissions Committee will certify admission or non-admission to the desired degree program. Applicants will be notified in writing of actions regarding admission taken by the Committee.

Note: There is no guarantee that post-baccalaureate or graduate credit units previously earned in the School of Education or at other schools within the University will be permitted for use toward an approved program of study. Such units must have the written approval of the program advisor and/or coordinator.

California Basic Educational Skills Test for Teachers (CBEST). All credential candidates applying to the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing (CCTC) for the initial issuance of any credential or permit are required to have taken and passed the CBEST.

California Subject Examination for Teachers (CSET). This subject matter exam is required for admission to the credential program. Refer to the individual program (multiple, single subject) admission guidelines for additional information.
The California Mini-Corps. The California Migrant Teacher Assistant Program (Mini-Corps) is a special program designed to prepare teachers for meeting the educational needs of migrant children. Through the Mini-Corps, qualified undergraduates working toward a teaching credential can obtain early classroom experience while serving as assistants to teachers of migrant children. Additional information may be obtained from the CSUB Mini-Corps coordinator (661) 654-2429 located in Modular Building 1.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Assumption Program of Loans for Education (APLE). California is experiencing a serious shortage of highly qualified classroom teachers. The most critical teacher shortages are in the subject areas of math, science, foreign language, special education, reading and language arts specialist or at those schools serving large populations of students from low-income and economically disadvantaged families or a school ranked in the bottom of the 50% of the Academic Performance Index (API) grades K - 12. In an effort to encourage people to enter the teaching profession in the above teaching areas, the California Legislature created the Assumption Program of Loans for Education (APLE). This program is a competitive teacher incentive program designed to attract outstanding students to the teaching profession. Under provisions of the APLE program, the California Student Aid Commission (CSAC), may assume up to $11,000 in outstanding student loan balances. For additional information, call 661-654-2090.